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FOR: ELECTRONIC BOOK CONTENTS RECORDING MEDIUM WITH
ELECTRONIC BOOK CONTENTS RECORDED THEREON,
ELECTRONIC BOOK TRANSMISSION APPARATUS AND
ELECTRONIC BOOK DISPLAY APPARATUS

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Applicant is in receipt of the Office Action dated December 6, 2006.

Claims 1, 2, 8, 9, and 18 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over "The Declaration of Independence A History" (hereinafter "History") in view of "Cascading Style Sheets, level 1" (hereinafter "Style"). Claims 6, 13, 15, and 17 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over History in view of Style, and further in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication US 2002/0049833 to Kikinis. The remaining claims were rejected over various combinations including the above references. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

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As recited in independent claims 1, 8, 15, 17, and 18, the Applicant's claimed **body data unit** "includes no data to be actually displayed on the display region."

On page 3, third paragraph of the Office Action of 12/06/2006, it was admitted that the History document does not teach or suggest a body data unit that "includes no data to be actually displayed on the display region."

However, the Style document was cited allegedly to remedy at least this deficiency of History. In particular, it was alleged that in Style, "the style sheet data (body data) does not contain any data to be actually displayed on the screen, instead it references the part data, via a file name, which is rendered, in accordance to the style sheet, for display)" (see page 3, last full paragraph and "Response to Arguments" on page 11 of the Office Action of 12/06/2006).

It appears that the Examiner is interpreting "body data" in Style as referring **only** to a style element, for example, the following line of HTML code: `<P STYLE="color: green">`.

However, it is clear from pages 6-7 of the Style document that the body data is not limited to a particular "STYLE" element, but includes all elements appearing inside the `<BODY>` and `</BODY>` tags. Indeed, the Style document specifically describes how a "STYLE" attribute appears inside the "BODY" so as to combine style and HTML (see Style document at page 6, last paragraph).

If "body data" in the Style document is properly interpreted as including all elements inside the `<BODY>` and `</BODY>` tags, then the body data clearly includes data to be displayed, and thus the Applicant's claimed invention distinguishes over the Style document, whether taken alone or in combination with the History document.

Moreover, in the History document, the body data includes elements appearing inside the `<BODY>` and `</BODY>` tags. On page 3 of the Office Action of 03/08/2006, regarding the History document, the Examiner stated: "Here the `<BODY>` tag sets a body data unit."

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Further, in basic HTML programming, the "BODY" of an HTML document corresponds to the information appearing between the <body> tag and its corresponding end tag (see document "A Beginner's Guide to HTML," which was previously cited by Applicants in an IDS).

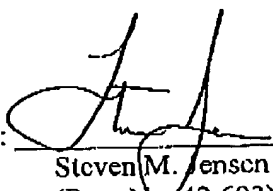
One of ordinary skill in the art would understand that body data is not limited to only a particular style element, but rather encompasses all elements appearing between the <BODY> and </BODY> tags. In other words, the "body data" in the Style document must include all elements appearing inside the <BODY> and </BODY> tags, in order to be consistent with the History document, and with generally understood HTML programming code. As such, because the "body data" includes display data in the History and Style documents, even if these references were somehow combined, there would be no teaching or suggestion of the claimed invention.

For at least the reasons discussed above, the proposed combinations of the History, Style, and/or Kikin's references do not teach or suggest the Applicant's claimed invention as recited in independent claims 1, 8, 15, 17, and 18.

It is believed the application is in condition for immediate allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

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